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NOTICE

Alabama state ministers' meeting
will convene at the Tabernacle in
Birmingham, September 21 and 22.
The opening service will be at 10 a.m.
Tuesday. All ministers are invited.—
W. E. Johnson, Overseer.

INDIANA STATE CONVENTION AND CAMP MEETING

The annual state convention and
camp meeting opened on July 29 and
came to a close on August 7. This
great gathering was a foretaste of
the great meeting that will be held
in the skies when Jesus comes for
His bride. It will not so easily be for-
gotten by those who were permitted
to attend.

As this is only the second year for
us to enjoy the use of our new camp-
ground and with the failure to obtain
a permanent variance from the County
Zoning Commission, we were not able
to build our proposed tabernacle and
cottages. We rented a large tent for
services and purchased a number of
small army tents and had some other
sleeping quarters on the ground so
that all delegates were amply cared
for.

Everyone who attended constantly

looked forward to the blessings from
heaven to appear in each service.
There were three services each day
besides three early morning services
which were very inspirational, and
enjoyed by all who attended.

Ministers were here from at least
seven other states. These made re-
markable contributions to the services.
We find those brethren have the
same Holy Ghost as we and serve the
same God. We invite them to be with
us in more of our meetings.

We were greatly blessed with the
presence and splendid messages de-
livered by our esteemed General Over-
seer, Rev. John C. Jernigan; also our
camp meeting speaker and Bible
teacher, Rev. A. L. Burroughs, of An-
niston, Alabama. Rev. E. M. Tapley,
dean of Lee College, gave us some
valuable information concerning the
school, which is of great importance to
ministers and young people contem-
plating a high school and college edu-
cation. We hope many will decide to go
to Lee College.

Every message delivered was rich
in food for the soul and contained
timely warnings to those who are in-
clined to be careless in their everyday
living, as well as hope for the sinner
who has never known the Saviour.

As the days went by, the crowds in-
creased and the power of God came
down with greater intensity. Night af-
ter night the altar was filled with seek-
ers and souls prayed through to victo-
ry. Some were saved, others sancti-
fied, while others received the Holy
Ghost. The whole atmosphere was
charged with the Spirit of God. While
altar workers labored around the altar,
others prayed with the sick; thus,
victories were won for both soul and
body.

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OBITUARIES

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the
death of his saints," Ps. 116:15.

GOODWIN

Wanda Boyles Goodwin, age twenty-
five years, departed this life to be
with Jesus. She became a Christian
at the age of twelve, received the
Baptism shortly thereafter, and united
with the church in Elkins, W. Va. She
remained faithful for these thirteen
years, serving the Lord and His
Church as Y. P. E. president, Sunday
School teacher, a member of the
L.W.W.B., and was active in other
ways. Her going is mourned by her
husband and a host of friends.—L. E.
Painter, Pastor.

BROWN

Donald Ray Brown, infant son of
Rev. and Mrs. P. J. Brown, of Weir,
Kans., was born Dec. 5, 1947, and de-
parted this life July 23, 1948, at the
age of seven months and eighteen
days, of a heart ailment which he
had from birth. He left his loving
mother and father, three brothers, one
sister, one grandmother, and many
other relatives. Funeral services were
conducted by Rev. J. R. Berry, district
pastor, of Pittsburg, Kans.

LIGHT

Harold A. Light, of Arcadia, Fla.,
age fifty-five years, departed this life
October 23, 1947. He was a native of
New York but for several years oper-
ated a filling station in Zolfo Springs,
Fla. Survivors include his widow, two
sons, and four daughters. He was a
patient sufferer for many months and
it was the writer's happy privilege to
see him find the Lord one afternoon
at his home.—One who loved him,
J. A. Self, Pastor, Arcadia, Fla.

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THE GREATEST ATHLETES IN AMERICA WARN YOUTH AGAINST CIGARETTES

The man who has made more baseball records than any other one man in the world, Ty Cobb, is most emphatic in his denunciation of the cigarette, and any boy interested in athletics will do well to heed what he said: "Too much cannot be said against the evils of cigarette smoking. It stupefies the brain, saps vitality, undermines one's health, and lessens the moral fibre of the man. No boy who hopes to be successful in any line can afford to contract a habit that is so detrimental to his physical and moral development. The alert brain, the strong body, and the moral stamina necessary for success in any line of endeavor are weakened and destroyed by the cigarette habit; and young men should realize its disastrous effects."

A cigarette manufacturer sent an agent to Jack Dempsey when he held the world's championship as pugilist, asking for his signature to a recommendation of a certain brand of cigarettes and offered a tempting financial consideration. Dempsey read it and turning upon the man, said: "You could not get me to sign that for ten times what you offer. I do not smoke cigarettes and never did. Do you think I am going to ask the thousands of young boys who read about me to take up cigarette smoking? If you had a harmless candy or soda water, I wouldn't mind giving you a testimonial for nothing, but I don't sign your testimonial for a cigarette."

Mike Donovan was a familiar figure in athletics all his life. For thirty years he was athletic director of the New York Athletic Club. His work has brought him in touch with all classes of men and boys under the most trying conditions. His word is law with those who know him. And when it comes to smoking, he spoke out with characteristic directness. He said: "Any boy who smokes can never hope to succeed in any line of endeavor, as smoking weakens the heart and lungs and ruins the stomach and affects the entire nervous system. If a boy or young man expects to amount to anything in athletics, he must let smoking and all kinds of liquor alone. They are rank poison to his athletic ambitions."

"Red" Grange, one of the outstanding football players of America, said to the youth possessing athletic ambitions, "You CANNOT DRINK AND SMOKE AND EXPECT TO SUCCEED AS AN ATHLETE." When he went to New York City to sign a contract for appearing in motion pictures, the press reported: "He received \$5,000 for endorsing a make of shoes, another \$5,000 for writing that he liked a certain brand of ginger ale, and \$2,500 for endorsing a Red Grange cap. He was offered \$10,000 to say he preferred a certain kind of cigarette, but he refused on the ground that he did not smoke."

WORK OF WAR RELIEF COMMISSION

Dr. John G. Becker, secretary of the War Relief Commission, reported that the Commission began by operating in four countries abroad; now operates in fifteen, exclusive of Japan and China. Within the last six months' period more than a quarter of a million dollars worth, at wholesale, of clothing has been processed through the warehouse and sent abroad, and some sixty-eight thousand dollars worth of food.

METHODISTS FOR AND AGAINST DANCING

The first Quadrennial General Conference which the Methodists had held in Boston for 96 years convened in May.

In addition to the suggestions given by 60-odd bishops and 7,000 lesser clergymen and laymen from some 50 countries, almost 1,000 "memorials" or proposals were sent in to the conference by individuals and church groups.

They included pleas for higher ministerial pay in rural areas, requests for aid to missions and definition of doctrine, as well as protests against dancing, etc.

We wonder how much attention the protests against dancing received. For one old-fashioned Methodist minister—Robert P. Shuler, of Los Angeles—in his magazine *The Methodist Challenge* quotes a few current newspaper headlines:

"Dallas Saturday Night Dances in Methodist Churches"; "Refreshments, Good Fellowship and Dancing for Methodist Fellowship"; "Grace Methodists Entertain with Dance and Cards"; "Methodist Bishop Says Dancing Not an Issue"; "Dancing Necessary to Social Life, Says Methodist Fellowship Leader"; etc. Then he comments:

"In the meantime, there are no revivals. They simply do not go together. No Pentecost attends the Methodist dances. A Georgia daily actually says that church dances are competing with Youth for Christ on Saturday nights."

When a church is both *for* and *against* dancing, it is in a pitiable condition.

RESOLUTION ON RELEASED TIME

Inasmuch as a recent decision of the Supreme Court again has been based, as they emphasized, upon the principle of separation of church and state, it behooves the Christian public, while seeking further clarification of this principle:

1. To ascertain what steps should be taken to instruct thoroughly our children in the full and precious gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ;

2. To give attention to the increasing secularism within all schools and attempt to stay any further progress of such secularism, taking a united stand against any further crowding of Christ out of a central place in our American culture;

Therefore, be it hereby resolved that the N.A.E. go on record as favoring a concerted and nation-wide drive among its various members, committees and commissions:

1. To reconstitute the home as the place of vital Christian nurture;

2. To pray earnestly for a revival of concern among all churches to the end that they fulfill their God-given task of Christian instruction;

3. To publicize the fact that, outside of Jesus Christ, moral character has no true foundation upon which to build;

4. To emphasize in local communities that inasmuch as the Court's decision is ambiguous, local programs which are not clearly forbidden should continue until specific and constitutional action terminates them.

Love puts things over for God by putting self under.

Pentecostal Phenomena

Instances of Speaking in Known Languages

E. HUNTER RICHARDSON

Many sincere Christians have been led to believe that the supernatural phenomena of Pentecost finished in apostolic days and that manifestations of any kind today have to be shunned and even despised. This is wrong. The scriptural exhortation is to "prove all things."

Here is an experience which may prove helpful to those who are willing to "search the scriptures" and ready to see the hand of God in assemblies of His people.

Some years ago, in a Southern England town, a gentleman came to me after a Sunday evening service, asking if he might be introduced to the young Egyptian lady who had interrupted the meeting. During the service a sister had spoken in a tongue and an interpretation had been given.

"We haven't an Egyptian lady," I replied, and was about to explain the position when the sister in question came down the aisle on her way out. "Sister," I said, "here is a gentleman who would like to speak to you."

The visitor began to ask questions in Arabic but was met with the answer that she did not understand the language. "But you spoke in that tongue in the service—how is it that you don't understand now?"

We had to explain the teaching of the Word of God relative to these things. 1 Corinthians 12 to 14.

The perplexed one had to admit the truth and wonder of such ministry, and confessed that God had spoken in a quite definite way to him. The following Sunday he, his wife, and daughter all came to the service and publicly accepted Christ.

EXPERIENCE OF A GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL

While in South Africa I happened to repeat this story to one of Cape Town's leading citizens, a Pentecostal brother, who invited me to his home and there related a similar experience. Years

before, as an unsaved man, a lover of the world and its varied activities, he was startled out of his sinful state by a most unusual happening.

His wife had come into contact with a former college friend, well known for her social life and worldly ways. This woman was now a changed person. From theaters and dance halls, cards and drink, she had turned to Christ; she was full of joy and possessed of an earnest zeal for all services.

This lady invited her friend to what turned out to be a Pentecostal service. Her first reaction was one of amazement at the spontaneous joy and liberty, so different from the usual formal services of the ordinary churches. She became a regular attendant and was beautifully saved.

Sitting under the ministry of the Word of God, she early realized the importance of the baptism in the Holy Spirit (Matthew 3:11; Acts 2:4), waited calmly on the Lord, and was sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise. Ephesians 1:13.

During this time, the young convert was quietly witnessing to her husband, who regarded these witnesses in an amused way and as so much fanaticism which eventually would die out.

PRAYING IN LATIN

One evening on retiring to their room, this sister began her devotions quietly, praying for her husband and pouring out her soul to God. Her husband waited until her prayers were ended and then startled her by asking, "Where did you learn Latin, Lily?" She stared at him and confessed that she was totally ignorant of that ancient tongue. "Well," he replied, "you have been praying here tonight in Latin."

Years before, as a chorister in the cathedral, he had learned Latin, and possessing a splendid golden tenor voice had been chosen to sing solo parts in that tongue. Many of the old hymns came rushing back to his mind

during his wife's prayer, and he determined to fathom this mysterious gift. His dear partner took him into her confidence and explained the truth of Pentecost with the accompanying gifts of the Holy Spirit. So curious did this man become that he attended services in order to prove the matter to his own satisfaction. He heard the gospel of the grace of God, saw the supernatural workings of the Lord, and was led to accept Christ Jesus as his Saviour.

Since that time, although occupying a most prominent Government position, he has laboured in the Pentecostal truth. Assemblies have been opened under his ministry, sound teaching building them up and a mature experience guiding them into the liberty of the Holy Ghost.

THE NORWEGIAN WOMAN SPOKE CZECH

Later, in Cape Town, I was able to help a Norwegian brother with a few formalities and to him I related the foregoing. "Brother," he said, "I know of a case in our own land of Norway that runs in the same channel."

There was an illiterate old Norwegian woman who attended some Pentecostal gatherings, and though so ignorant was saved by Jesus. She grew in grace and in the knowledge of the Lord and was desirous of God's best for her poor life. She heard, in course of time, that the promise was "to all that are afar off" (Acts 2:38,39), and was beautifully baptized in the Spirit and spoke in new tongues. According to the New Testament, the agent does not count in the ministry of the supernatural, but the Administrator (1 Corinthians 12:1-7), so this dear old lady often exercised the gift of tongues.

On one occasion there walked into the service a Czech gentleman. The service was foreign to him, but he looked on in quite an interested way. Imagine his amazement at hearing a fiery utterance from a feeble woman near the front and the feeling of oneness when he realized that his own beloved mother tongue was being used. His own thought was that one of his compatriots was attending here and was resident in the town.

He sought out the speaker and was confronted by the aged illiterate Norwegian, who through an interpreter had to confess that she was ignorant of the tongue but who proudly confessed the work of the Holy Spirit.

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We hear the pleading of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, in Matt. 4:18, 19: "And Jesus, walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers. And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Verse 20, "And they straightway left their nets, and followed him."

As those were directly called not by man, nor of men, but by the Son of God, immediately they left all and followed Him, and to one of the two brothers was given the keys of the kingdom of heaven. Matt. 16:18,19: "And I say unto thee, that thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Peter was a man subject to like passions as we are and yet he was given this great power. It is God who knows our hearts and the intents of our minds.

Let us consider another one who was called. He came "that he might destroy the works of the devil," 1 John 3:8.

Acts 9:1-8, "And Saul, yet breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, went unto the high priest, and desired of him letters to Damascus to the synagogues, that if he found any of this way, whether they were men or women, he might bring them bound unto Jerusalem. And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven: and he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me (inasmuch as to say, Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me)? And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks (inasmuch as to say, it is hard for you to kick against the power). And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do. And the men which journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice, but seeing no man. And Saul arose from the earth; and when his eyes were opened, he saw no man:

Follow ME

By J. E. Brogdon

but they led him by the hand, and brought him into Damascus." (This being the city from which he had the warrants of authority from the chief priest to arrest and bring men and women bound unto Jerusalem). Instead, the Lord Jesus Christ arrested him; as it is stated in the Scriptures, he apprehended him, which has the same significance. "And he was three days without sight, and neither did eat nor drink. And there was a certain disciple at Damascus, named Ananias; and to him said the Lord in a vision, Ananias. And he said, Behold, I am here, Lord. And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the street which is called Straight, and enquire in the house of Judas for one called Saul, of Tarsus: for, behold, he prayeth, and hath seen in a vision a man named Ananias coming in, and putting his hand on him, that he might receive his sight. Then Ananias answered, Lord, I have heard by many of this man, how much evil he hath done to thy saints at Jerusalem: and here he hath authority from the chief priests to bind all that call on thy name. But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel: for I will show him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake. And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house; and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost. And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales: and he received sight forthwith, and arose, and was baptized. And when he had received meat, he was strengthened. Then was Saul certain days with the disciples which were at Damascus. And straightway he preached Christ in the

synagogues, that he is the Son of God. But all that heard him were amazed, and said; Is not this he that destroyed them which called on this name in Jerusalem, and came hither for that intent, that he might bring them bound unto the chief priests? But Saul increased the more in strength, and confounded the Jews which dwelt at Damascus, proving that this is very Christ."

For instance, in Acts 9:16, we notice how it was revealed unto Ananias that the Lord would show Saul how great things he must suffer for His name's sake.

2 Cor. 4:6-12, "For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us. We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed; always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be manifest in our body. For we which live are always delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh. So then death worketh in us, but life in you."

2 Cor. 4:17,18, "For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal."

Testimony Healing Is Ours

ERWIN, N. C.—I am praising God for what He means to me and what He has done for me. I am praising Him for His wonderful healing power. He has healed my body so many times. He healed me of a back trouble and other troubles, too. Praise the Lord! I thank Him because I know He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. I praise Him because He bore the stripes upon His body for the healing of our bodies. I praise Him because healing for our bodies is ours just for the asking and paying the price. Pray for me to do His will at all times.—Mrs. Henry Turnage.

New Church Officials *As Selected by the Forty-second General Assembly*

Assistant Becomes General Overseer

The Reverend H. L. Chesser, who has served four years as Assistant General Overseer, was elected General Overseer at the International Assembly of the Church of God held in Birmingham, Ala. (August 28-31). Reverend Chesser, a native son of Florida, has served as state superintendent of Alabama and North Carolina, and with his enterprising, persevering, determined-to-win service, gained the admiration of his brethren and was elected on the second ballot to the highest position in the Church for the next two years.

The Church has made marvelous progress for the last several years. This last Assembly year it has claimed first place in the nation among the Protestant churches. We bespeak for the Church, under Reverend Chesser and his staff, continued outstanding success, as has been shared during the administration of the retiring General Overseer, Reverend J. C. Jernigan, who, by choice, requested and received an appointment to one of our second rating states (Virginia). The Law of Limitation forbade the retiring General to serve longer than his four-year term.

Rev. Zeno C. Tharp
Assistant General Overseer

Reverend Tharp was elected at the Assembly to the office of the Assistant General Overseer. For the past four years he has served very successfully as state overseer of South Carolina.

He was President of Bible Training School and College the nine years preceding his going to South Carolina. The School made outstanding progress under his leadership. Brother Tharp is appreciated for his love of the work in general. We are sure he will strengthen our general staff. He, with our General, Brother Chesser, and Brother R. R. Walker, General Secretary-Treasurer, the Twelve Councillors and the various boards, will be able to render an invaluable service to the Church.

It goes without saying that Brother R. R. Walker pleased well the brethren for the past two years, for they re-elected him on the first ballot.

Brother J. H. Walker was elected as Executive Missions Secretary, Brother A. M. Phillips as Business Manager of

the Publishing House, and Brother J. D. Bright as Editor-in-Chief. See a later issue of the Evangel for a more detailed account.

Following we give the names of the newly appointed state overseers, Councillors, and standing boards and committees.

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THE CHURCH OF GOD IN GRENADA, MISSISSIPPI

In October, 1946, Reverend Whittington, a young minister of Mississippi, went to the beautiful little city of Grenada, Mississippi, and organized a Y.P.E. which became so successful that as a result a nice beautiful church was built which is valued at \$15,000. This beautiful edifice has been erected only through the capable leadership of Reverend Whittington and the splendid cooperation of the members and friends. The Y.P.E. played an active part in raising the finance. Our hats are off to Reverend Whittington for this great achievement. This church has become one of the leading churches in the State. — Gene Christenbury, Mississippi Youth Director.

More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of.— Tennyson.



The Church in the "Valley of the Shadow of Death"

By Rev. J. D. B.

I know this is a very peculiar caption, but before I have finished this article I hope you will see that it is appropriate to the subject.

The church of the "living God" had its origin and primitive existence in the wilderness, and was constituted by all the Israelites, who were recognized as God's people. None but God's people were in the church then and certainly those are the only people eligible for membership in God's church now.

There were several things concerning the church in the wilderness that showed they invoked the ill will and displeasure of the heathen nation along the path the Israelites were traveling:

1. They objected to their passing through their country.
2. They despised their God, yet feared Him.
3. They envied their possessions and prosperity.
4. They sought to pollute and disintegrate the church by marrying into it.
5. Offers were made to the church by various nations for location, providing they would be subservient to their laws and religion.
6. After all their tactics had failed, they resorted to resistance by arms.

They put the pressure on. All this is still the attitude of the world toward the church. Israel, as a church, was hotly pursued by the Egyptians, constantly attacked by "ites" of every kind, and resisted right in the land of promise by the Canaanites.

But Moses had faith to lead them out of Egypt into the wilderness, where the church was set in order and duly constituted with government and leaders. Then Joshua had faith and courage to lead the church into the land of promise.

I think that the church of the "living God," anywhere in this old world, is still, in the truest sense, in the land of promise: land of promise—oppor-

tunity, duty, service, success, persecution, and strong opposition.

That valley experience ran through eighteen hundred years. Four hundred and twenty-five years were spent in Egypt before God's children were duly organized as a church. Nine hundred and seventy-five years were spent in alternating periods—and that frequently of captivity and freedom. Then the last period of the eighteen hundred years is known as the transition period, which lasted four hundred years. This was the bridge that spanned, so to speak, the gap from the law of Moses, or church under Moses' law, to the coming of Jesus.

What a dismal valley that was. The singers had quit singing, the priest had ceased to minister, cobwebs and bats inhabited the temple, and all the Levites had gone to farming, or to other work. What a valley! a valley of gloom and darkness for four hundred years. But thank God for the prophetic vision of Isaiah, and it was true when Jesus was born. A greater than Moses had come to lead the Church of God. Moses had received the law for it, but Jesus came to give it an infusion of life by a transfusion of His own blood. Acts 20:28. Moses gave them the laws of blood offerings and one meat offering. Jesus gave the church, in its new day, a new order by giving the law for but two sacrifices. First, He gave *Himself* in life, in death, and now in life for evermore—all for the church, to bring it into existence, under grace, and to maintain it. Read Eph. 5:22. Second, gives to you and me, the members of the church, the privilege (duty) of giving *ourselves* "a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God." "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross daily and follow me."

The group of thirteen, Christ and His disciples, were in the valley all the while. It is true that they had great kindness shown them all along, and a table seemed to be spread before them and their heads anointed,

but that was actually in the presence of prejudiced, jealous people who were planing to kill Jesus and, if needs be, the twelve with Him. It was a valley of death indeed for the eleven—a valley built by the Romans on one side and the Jews on the other. Christ Jesus was still in the valley with them, but His crucified body in a borrowed tomb was anything but a matter of consolation to them in their befuddled, benumbed, blighted hopes.

But He came out of the grave. The valley lit up. However, forty days were soon gone and He returned to His Father. Gone, yes, but they were not despondent, afraid, or discouraged. To the contrary, they were filled with jubilant anticipation over the fulfillment of the promise Jesus had made them. They did not become impatient either, although it was ten days before the Holy Ghost came.

But the very coming of the Holy Ghost and His inaugurating the church initiated it into the valley of the shadow of death where its path has been ever since, and shall be as long as it is in this old world. Stephen was the first to die a martyr's death, but from then to this point, the apostolic age, one thousand years of darkness, Holy Crusades, Armenian Massacres, and persecution elsewhere throughout the world, have left the path of the church strewn with better than 52,000,000 boys and girls, men and women, who have loved the Church of God better than their lives.

Yes, the church has been and still is in the valley of the shadow of death. At this time the valley is bordered on the one side by the 1700-year-old enemy, the Catholic Church, and on the other side we are hedged in by Communism. The church is really in a squeeze between the dreaded foes of God and His church. Communism and Catholicism are both bent upon world domination. They differ, however, in their purpose in that Catholicism is determined to keep the state subservient to it and at the same time be the only voice of religion, while

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Communism disregards religion and denies the existence of God. The state is God, religion, life, peace, happiness everything—to communists. Therefore, they feel that churches, Christianity, religion, theory of God, heaven, hell, etc., are an impediment to the doctrine of Communism, and that the doctrine of hate should replace that of love, and that every form of religion or state that differs from Communism should be wiped out.

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Communists say, "Communism is what the world needs and every Communist is pledged to do all he can legally or otherwise, to establish the doctrine anywhere and everywhere throughout the world. It is a proven fact that their agents are working in every phase of our state: church, educational, political, social, and industrial life in the United States. So great is the hold that they have on our school system that if we don't get special help, and that soon, even the limited devotional periods will be stopped and our children will be deprived of hearing prayers and God's Word read as a message from a pastor in the community.

Communism would like to take away both our national flag and our Christian flag. Of course, when that happens, an antichrist will do it, whether a Communist or Catholic; every freedom that we now enjoy will be taken from us. Catholicism's chief ambition is to destroy, I mean banish from the face of the earth forever, Protestantism—its dreaded, despised, hated foe since Martin Luther became the captain of all who would dare protest against the tyranny of Catholicism. Although the Catholic Church has its millions, it is no more the church of the living God, neither a part of it, than Judaism, Mohammedism, or Buddhism.

The Protestant church must keep in mind that both Communism and Catholicism are our most desperate, subtle, cunning, undermining, and determined enemies, and at this stage of the journey we are in the valley between them. I assure you that they

are not only determined to carry out the Satanic plans they now have but more sinister, tyrannical plans are in the making. All to the discomfiture of the Church of God.

One thing sure, out of the very mess that Communism, Catholicism, etc., create, antichrist will emerge; but he is not the man for whom I am looking. I am looking for Him, "He who was in the church in the wilderness"; the One who "loved the church and gave Himself for it," "purchased it with his own blood"; and He said that "the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." This does not mean, however, that the church is free from the onslaughts of the devil and his agents, and the bloody history of devastations he has wrought on the church

is proof of that. In fact, I feel that the Scripture bears out the fact that the evil forces, such as Communism and Catholicism, will bring back upon the church another wave of martyrdom and persecution equal to or worse than any in the centuries past. But one thing about it, the church had the Shepherd with it when it entered the "valley of the shadow of death"; He is still with it: "Go . . . and, lo, I am with you alway"; and at the end of this valley experience for the Church of God, there is the house of the Lord where we shall be housed forever.

So, despite the squeeze that Communism and Catholicism have us in, let us be faithful and loyal to God and His church, and be ready when "the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and the trumpet of God," that we may be caught up together in the clouds to be with the Lord forever, and that He may present us unto Himself a glorious church not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing.

PENTECOST IN GERMANY

David J. du Plessis, of Basel, Switzerland, writes: "In the middle of March, Brother Kinderman and I set out for a tour in Germany. We traveled 2,500 miles in fourteen days and visited two important Pentecostal conferences. There must be several dozen independent Pentecostal groups in Germany. There is a wonderful revival spirit. Germany is ripe for the gospel, and we are trying hard to get the various groups united.

"We visited the Easter conference of the 'Internationale Volksmission.' In Stuttgart alone they have baptized more than 600 people in water during the past ten months. Since the war Sister Gassner, assisted by Brother Karl Fix and Karl Keek, have opened eight churches."

On Easter Monday morning they attended a youth conference, where 150 young people belonging to another Pentecostal organization were gathered. John Lindvall, who was with them, writes: "This work is led by Herman Lauster, a German brother who was converted in the Church of God (Cleveland, Tenn.) in America. In 1936 he returned to Germany and

began doing missionary work. Before the war there were ten assemblies, but these were all closed. Brother Lauster spent time in a Nazi concentration camp, then served in the German army, and later spent time in a prisoner-of-war camp in England. At the present time they have eight organized churches and twelve outstations.

"The next day there was a meeting called by Brother Kinderman, where representatives from several groups met to discuss their problems and consider ways of working in closer cooperation.

"We also went to Frankfort, where we visited some Pentecostal believers. At Frankfort Brothers Kinderman, du Plessis, and I had the pleasure of meeting Chaplain Maddox, Chief-of-Chaplains for the European Command of the U. S. Army. Chaplain Maddox is a fine Christian gentleman, belonging to the Southern Baptist Convention. We had lunch with him and enjoyed discussing the situation in Europe. He encouraged us greatly in regard to our pentecostal work in Germany."—*Pentecostal Evangel*.

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"THE SALT OF THE EARTH"

By Rev. O. O. Wolfe

Amid all the spiritual confusion and darkness of this world, with sin abounding on every side I seem to hear statesmen and Christians say: "The earth has lost its savour."

In Leviticus 2:13, God told Moses that "every oblation of thy meat offering shalt thou season with salt; neither shalt thou suffer the salt of the covenant of thy God to be lacking from thy meat offering; with all thine offerings thou shalt offer salt." Therefore, we find that seasoning is one of the qualities of salt. It gives an agreeable taste to our diet; without it, our food would be unpalatable and insipid.

In Matthew 5:13, Jesus likens the disciples to the salt of the earth. This shows, in one sense, the importance of true Christianity. Today the earth is an undesirable place to live, simply because men fail to accept Christ as their Saviour. The men of the world seem to think that pleasure can season and give taste to life; but the more theaters and pleasure houses that are made, the more tasteless and insipid this old earth is becoming.

As one of the most essential articles of diet, salt symbolizes hospitality. When we think of a true child of God, with a kind benevolent spirit, one whose conversation is as becometh a child of God, one whom the church can enjoy and the sinners look to as a pattern of Christ, we think of the pleasant, agreeable and seasoning qualities of salt.

The peoples of earth find themselves weary in soul. The disabilities of body and mind, murder and strife, lawlessness and vice are falling. Every creature has a burden. With some, the burden is financial; others, mental and physical; but nearly all are suffering from discontent and disappointment. The philosophy of the priest and Levite in Luke 10:3-32

seems to be the general philosophy of life, "What is mine is mine; I will keep it"; and that of the thief, "What is yours is mine; I will take it," while the world is dying for a little hospitality and the love of a good Samaritan.

God, speaking to Aaron in Numbers 18:19, said, "All the heave offerings of the holy things, which the children of Israel offer unto the Lord, have I given thee, and thy sons and thy daughters with thee, by a statute for ever: it is a covenant of salt for ever before the Lord unto thee and to thy seed with thee." This covenant of salt was a bond of sacred obligation of fidelity to God and Aaron. "A covenant of salt" was a token of agreement and indissoluble alliance between friends; and if by any misdemeanor the friendship was broken, it would be said, "The salt is melted, or lost its savour."

SALT IS GOOD

When we think of the process by which salt is being produced, we find that there hardly could be a better article to represent a true child of God than salt. The first thing is the making of the ponds, then the ponds must be cleansed of all the muck and waste matters; then the water is brought in through channels from the sea to the reservoir (large ponds) and remains there until all the foreign matters die, then it is turned into the making ponds.

That is, the sea water enters the ponds at eight degrees; it remains in the basin until it reaches 25 to 30 degrees. It is then raised 50 to 60 degrees. When it reaches 60, it is removed to the main reservoir that supplies the making ponds, then it remains there until it reaches 100 degrees.

During the stages from sea to making, it displaces dirt, scales, lime, magnesium chloride, and all foreign matters, leaving what is called the "brine" or pickle. At this stage the

brine is passed into the making ponds where it deposits the "sodium chloride" or, as it is commonly called, pure salt. All this is done by solar evaporation. That is, the sodium chloride crystallizes on the top of the brine and by the shifting of the brine the sodium chloride (salt) drops to the bottom of the ponds. This is how salt is produced—by solar evaporation, free from all mechanical aid.

This is truly a fit process to symbolize a true Christian. We must first be drawn from the sea of life. In John 6:44, Jesus said, "No man can come to me, except the Father . . . draw him." After we are drawn from the sea we must then eliminate the seventeen foreign matters of Galatians 5:19-21; adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murder, drunkenness, and revellings.

When the brine reaches 100 to 105, it begins to crystallize; so when our hearts are made pure by the Word of God and the blood of Jesus Christ and possessing the Spirit of God, we begin to be the "salt of the earth." Paul said in Romans 12:1, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, and acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." Appetizing to God! Jesus said in Mark 9:49, "Have salt in yourself."

We must first be able to enjoy our own salvation before others can enjoy us. Brethren, "Ye are the salt of the earth."

Do you know why you complain so much against the church and the pastor? You say the service has no taste since this pastor took charge, and nothing seems to be pleasant to you? Well, it is just this: your party and you are not pure salt, and the pastor cannot depend on you and your party to help season the service. If you have salt in yourself, and are the salt of the earth, jump right in and help to make the service tasty, then the sinners will enjoy it and the result will be a revival in your church, for—"ye are the salt of the earth."

SALT PRESERVES

Another important function of salt is that it preserves and cures. Salt is used for curing and preserving meat and fish, and if the salt is lacking, the articles cannot be properly cured or preserved, then when the salt is absent altogether, the meat is sure to rot.

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REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

PRAY FOR:

The healing of my body.—Mrs. Oma Cunningham, Chattanooga, Tenn.

Pray for me, my husband, and loved ones to be saved. I thank God for saving me and healing my baby's body.—Mrs. Aleck Hesko.

My healing; Mrs. Mack Arnold, who has cancer.—Mrs. M. L. Easley, Corbin, Ky.

God to deliver me and heal me; my husband who is in the hospital.—A Sister.

Three very special requests.—Mrs. W. Harvey, Jr., E. New Market, Md.

The healing of my body; my brother and his wife to be saved; healing of Brother Branscum's body; my husband to be saved.—Mrs. Dollie Pollard.

Two very special requests; my sister.—Mrs. C. J. Smith, Dayton, Ohio.

Me to be healed. I have been in bed six months, partially paralyzed. I want to be able to take care of my young baby and go to church.—Mrs. John Pugh, Crab Orchard, Tenn.

God to heal my body and that I might be drawn closer to Him.—Nellie Frazier, Prestonsburg, Ky.

Me to be healed of bronchitis.—Martha Sutherland, Hartselle, Ala.

A lady who was badly hurt in a bus accident; other requests.—Mrs. Susie Horris, Belmont, N. C.

My family to be saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost; two of my children to be healed of rupture; me to be faithful.—A Sister, Marietta, S. C.

God to give me legal custody of my deceased brother's children who are in a bad environment, so they can be under Christian influence.—Esther Sellers, Albany, Ga.

Me to be healed of sores on my face; my sister; God to save a young man and deliver him from worldly habits.—A Sister.

My daughter to be saved and healed.—Mrs. T. C. Smith.

My children to be saved; my husband and me to be healed; our home to be a house of prayer.—Mrs. Drew Pierce, Bonne Terre, Mo.

My brother in the Veterans' Hospital to be healed and saved; my husband and loved ones to be saved.—Mrs. Odo White, Dunlow, W. Va.

God to heal me; God to give our church at Blue Diamond a successful revival.—Mrs. Lee Rogers, Clemons, Ky.

Me to be healed of sugar diabetes; my husband to be saved, also two sisters that need the Lord very badly.—Eva Smith, Toledo, Ohio.

The Lord to heal my body.—Mrs. Albert H. Bell, Cambridge, Md.

Sister Nellie Bruhl, who has sugar diabetes.—Mrs. Alvin Bruhl, Covington, La.

Some friends to quit drinking and get saved.—A Friend, Valdosta, Ga.

My brother to be delivered from the drink habit; my daughter to be saved; the healing of my body.—A Sister, Nantucket, Mass.

Mrs. Daisy Connell, for salvation and healing of arthritis; J. C. Reeves, of Macon, to be healed of a serious case of kidney trouble and get back to God; my nerves, and me to do His will. I thank everyone for your prayers; my head is healed of those abscesses and my hearing has been restored.—Fannie Duncan, Augusta, Ga.

My niece to be healed of sugar diabetes; two unspoken requests.—Mrs. James Matthews, McLeansboro, Ill.

God to have mercy and help me for I am suffering very badly.—M. A. Tate, Cedar Grove, W. Va.

God to remove a certain thing out of my way.—A Sister.

God to heal my body; my husband and children to be saved and have a desire to go to church; my home to become a house of worship and prayer.—One who loves the Lord.

My uncle to be healed of a brain disease; my husband to be healed of a severe head trouble and growth in his ears and to be saved.—Mrs. Cora Bell Frost, Rayville, La.

My complete deliverance to the Mexican mission field.—An ex-B. T. S. student, Rayville, La.

God to heal me; our church here at Campus.—Ettie M. Lester, Davin, W. Va.

God to completely heal me and give me more faith; an unspoken request.—Edna Teit-sort, Olney, Ill.

My two boys to be saved and delivered from

the drink habit; two unspoken requests.—Mrs. Sue Scoggins, Rutherfordton, N. C.

The healing of my body of high blood pressure; a special urgent request that God will undertake at once; my unsaved children; my daughter to be strengthened spiritually and physically and be able to attend church.—Mrs. Mary Cotton, Alabama City, Ala.

My unsaved loved ones; my dad to be healed; me to be drawn closer to God; an unspoken request.—Mrs. W. H. Tapley, Atlanta, Ga.

The Lord to heal my head.—Mrs. J. C. Combs, Mt. Dora, Fla.

A brother to be saved and healed of cancer; a son to be saved of the drink habit; a special unspoken request for me.—A Sister.

A very urgent unspoken request; my son and wife to be saved; my family to live closer to God.—A Reader.

My loved ones and friends to be saved; me to receive the Holy Ghost.—Mrs. Aleck Lesko.

A very special unspoken request; my cousin to be healed of T. B.—A Reader, Tampa, Fla.

My loved ones to be saved; my little girl and me to receive the Holy Ghost; God to send us a great revival soon.—A Sister.

My body to be healed.—Mrs. Lula J. Stewart, Jesse, W. Va.

My son to be saved and healed; a son-in-law in the hospital; many lost friends and loved ones.—Mrs. W. J. Barrentine, Crumrod, Ark.

A very urgent unspoken request.—A Sister, Ringgold, Ga.

A special request; me to be healed of a rheumatic heart.—Eunice Russell, Belton, S. C.

Me to be healed of neuritis; my husband; a friend to be healed; the church here.—Mrs. Roxie Melton, Monroe, N. C.

My father to be healed; my body; loved ones and friends; a special request.—Lillie Mooney, Galax, Va.

Mrs. Annie Franks, of Decatur, who is in a serious condition, to be healed.—Mrs. C. M. Matthews, Hartselle, Ala.

My brother who is in a serious condition, to be healed and saved.—Willis King, Waresboro, Ga.

My sister's legs to be healed; my other sister to be saved; my son in Germany to be saved; a special unspoken request.—Maude Y. Meade, Dunlow, W. Va.

God to deliver me and save my loved ones before too late.—Mrs. Sara Dyer, Griffin, Ga.

My unsaved brothers and uncles; two very urgent requests.—Mrs. Orville Porter, Dunlow, W. Va.

Me to be healed of high blood pressure and heart trouble.—Mrs. Maggie McGill, Carbon Hill, Ala.

My son that he won't have to be shipped to Germany or Alaska.—Ada B. Caldwell, Brandywine, Md.

My mother, who has had a very bad stroke, to be healed.—Alvena Sullivan, Urbana, Ill.

The healing of my neighbor, Simon Swoner; an unspoken request for my daughter; another daughter who has something wrong with her throat.—Rev. Geo. Dalton, Scottsboro, Ala.

Our son-in-law who has an abscess forming in his side, to be healed.—Berry H. Aldridge, Alma, Ga.

Mrs. Holland who has been hurt in an accident.—A Friend.

An urgent request; God to heal my body and my little sons.—M. F. Waters, Seneca, S. C.

My brother and boy friend who are in serious trouble; God to heal me and my mother.—Mary York, Seneca, S. C.

Me to be healed of nervous indigestion.—Lamar Wheeler, Sattartia, Miss.

A very special request.—Mrs. John Chapman, Verda, Ky.

Me to be healed of arthritis.—Dovie Coats.

A very urgent unspoken request; God to save my son and husband; my little girl to be completely healed; a hurting in my side to be healed.—Laura Whitmore, Woodruff, S. C.

My husband to be healed and saved; me.—Mrs. Ruby Greer, Johnston City, Ill.

Me to be completely healed and to have more faith.—Mrs. Fred Ellison, Bon Air, Ala.

God to undertake for my mother and heal her.—Mrs. Dellar Gulins, Bon Air, Ala.

My complete deliverance and healing.—Mary Dean.

The healing of my body.—Mrs. Odell Rice, Sparta, Tenn.

A special urgent request.—C. L. Felty, Jr., Pulaski, Va.

My healing; an urgent unspoken request; lost loved ones.—Mrs. James Buchanan, War, W. Va.

Me to receive the Holy Ghost and healing for my body.—Paul Schmidt, High Spire, Pa.

God to heal my daughter of a severe kidney ailment; her and her husband to be saved.—Mrs. E. C. Adcock, Adairsville, Ga.

A very special request.—Hallie Hester, Turnerville, Ga.

Georgia Sigma to be healed.—Mrs. D. H. Eastridge, Allen Junction, W. Va.

God to give me deliverance from a trial in any way He sees fit.—Mrs. John Doyle.

God to undertake for my sister; a young man to be saved, filled with the Holy Ghost, and delivered from the drink habit; loved ones.—A Friend.

The healing of my body, and me to be saved.—A Lost Soul.

My brother who has cancer of the liver, to be healed and saved.—Miss Jessie Langston, Orlando, Fla.

W. A. Campbell's ankles to be healed; his wife's body to be healed.—G. T. Masters, Cleveland, S. C.

REVIVAL

EDGEFIELD, S. C.—We have had a very successful revival, conducted by Rev. Robert Epps and Rev. Wayne Sloan. There were eleven saved, seven sanctified, and two filled with the Holy Ghost. The church was greatly blessed.—R. A. Sloan, Pastor.

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Recently, Rev. Stanley Rippetoe conducted a revival in Dallas, Texas, and there were fourteen saved, four sanctified, and nine filled with the Holy Ghost.

It was my privilege to meet Brother Rippetoe at church in Cincinnati last Sunday night. He told me that Brother and Sister King were doing a great work there. They have raised about \$4,000 for the church parsonage indebtedness. He also said the people in Dallas still loved the Walkers. It is always encouraging to hear that the saints of God love you.

God is blessing Brother Rippetoe's ministry in a special way.

It has been said that God is still ready to prove what He can do through a life fully consecrated to Him. We should ask great things of God and expect to receive them. God desires that we truly trust Him for great things.

CALLAHAN, Fla.—We have just closed the best revival here in Callahan. There were many precious souls touched by the Holy Ghost. You should have seen how the children prayed and how the Lord blessed them. The Lord has healed me many times.—Mrs. Elmer Lee Mosley.

COLLIERVILLE, Tenn.—On June 24, at the Church of God, one of the greatest revivals ever held at Collierville began. It lasted two weeks. We are happy to report on this revival as it is just a new church not yet completed. We cannot praise God enough for the many blessings received during these few days of worship, for God wonderfully blessed each one who asked for a blessing.

Our pastor, Rev. L. H. Jones, conducted this revival, and, truly, he is a man of God. When this little church was started a year ago, we had only six members, but thanks be to God and the faithful six, it has now thirty-two members. There were four additions to the church, six sanctified, and seven filled with the Holy Ghost. This revival was brought about by faithfulness and fasting and prayers by our good members and pastor. One night there was no preaching as the Holy Ghost had control. The Lord worked as on the day of Pentecost.

We were in one accord. Thanks be to our heavenly Father for all the good revivals. The faithful members, along with the pastor, would go to the altar and ask God's blessing before the message and He would always answer our prayers. The little block church was filled to its capacity; the yard around the place was filled. Some were healed during the revival. One T. B. case was reported healed, as well as other diseases. Glory be to God! We wish to thank each one who made this revival a success. Eleven have been baptized recently. We all love our pastor and family. They are a great inspiration to Collierville Church of God and all who come in contact with them. We have a wonderful Y.P.E., also a good Sunday School. You see why we are very happy out here, giving God all the praise.—Mrs. W. L. Mackey, Reporter.

BENTON Ill.—Here is a report of one of the greatest revivals in the history of the Benton church. This meeting came to a close at a high spiritual tide some weeks ago, with the church lifted up and many new faces added. Two of the most faithful workers in our L. W. W. B. were saved in this meeting which was outstanding due to the fact that so many adults were converted, many of whom had almost been given up by their loved ones. Entire families were saved. Conviction was so prevalent that people were saved back in the congregation during the song service, and the altar services will long live in our memory. In addition to the converts mentioned in connection with the L. W. W. B., others are working in the Y. P. E. and the various Sunday School classes. Let it be said that the church in general got under the load. There was much fasting and agonizing prayer, special prayer meetings, and a general all-out onslaught against the powers of darkness. Hallelujah!

The evangelist was Rev. Joseph L. Milligan, whose youthful enthusiasm and consecrated personality God used in messages of force and power to stir the hearts of capacity crowds night after night. It is not exaggerating to say that the town at large was stirred. The revival was the topic of

many a conversation on the public square. During the four weeks it was in progress forty-nine were saved, twelve sanctified, eleven filled with the Holy Ghost, twenty-five baptized in water, and twenty-four added to the church. The meeting closed in order that Brother Milligan might take over his work as Illinois state youth director, with many still seeking the Blessing. Some of these have received Him since then.

The revival band, led by Brother Milligan and his trumpet, was a great asset to the service, as was the choir of Spirit-filled singers and special singers. Sister Milligan's quiet disposition and consecrated personality also added much to the revival.

The Benton people have a warm spot in their hearts for Brother and Sister Milligan and bespeak much success for them in their new work as assistant pastor to Brother Paulk, at the Greenville, S. C. church after the Assembly. Illinois' loss is Greenville's gain.—Bill Brown, pastor.

HATTIESBURG, Miss.—We are glad to report a wonderful revival at Tala-hala church—the best in nine or ten years. Sister Nannie Hardin, of Ohio, did the first week's preaching. She preached down old time, holiness conviction power. Nineteen were saved, thirteen sanctified, and ten filled with the Holy Ghost and fire. She just had to leave us, as bad as we hated to see her go. Sister Hardin is known far and near, and Brother Hardin, who recently passed away, was loved by everyone. We shall never forget their prayers for us.

The revival spirit was still on. It kept going within itself, closing with twenty-eight saved, twenty-four sanctified, nineteen filled with the Holy Ghost, twenty-four new members added to the church, and eighteen baptized in water. We thank the Lord for this revival and the many new souls. Rev. G. N. May is our pastor. We think he is the best. He and his wife have been a blessing to the church here and also to the community. They are loved by everyone.

We are glad to report the improvements on our church. We have two new Sunday School rooms and we had to enlarge the church. If Rev. May stays with us another year, we believe the membership will be so large until we shall have to enlarge again. Pray for the church that it will be a soul-saving station.—Myrtle White, Clerk.

Testimonies

Thankful for Old-Time Salvation

DANVILLE, Va.—I praise the Lord for old-time salvation that you can really know about. I thank the Lord because He has certainly been real to me, and for answering prayer. By His grace I mean to trust and serve Him the remainder of my life and live with Him throughout eternity.—Mrs. L. L. Barnes.

He Gave Me Victory

KENNARD, Texas—Greetings in the sweet name of Jesus. My husband and I have both been divinely healed. I surely thank the Lord for what He has done for us. Please pray that God will completely heal my husband's eyes as he needs to see to work and so he can read his Bible. Pray that God will save him and give him the Holy Ghost. Please pray that God will completely heal our bodies of all disease. I praise Him for saving me and giving me the Holy Ghost, about twenty-five years ago, when Sister Shepherd came to Crockett preaching holiness. I am glad I found this clean way. He gave me victory over the snuff habit and I am so glad He did. The way gets sweeter every day. I am like the sister whose good testimony I read in the Evangel. When the Lord led me to the Church of God, He led me there to stay, because I saw Jesus there. I still love the Church of God and all the saints of God and want them to pray for us. I know the Church of God is right. Please pray that God will give us a Church of God here at Kennard. I surely enjoy the good sermons and testimonies in the Evangel.—Hattie Stubblefield.

Healed in That Same Hour

LANGLEY, S. C.—I am praising our Lord and Saviour, our Healer and soon coming King for salvation and what I have in my soul just now. I praise Him for the many times He has healed my body. Jesus has been our Healer over twenty years, and we know that our God can and will heal all manner of diseases.

The first healing I ever asked God for was of a cancer which I had been down with for over four years, and He healed me in that same hour. I never tire of telling it to others. We had been

telling one of our neighbors about the great healing power of God. She is a good Baptist sister and has done a good work in her church. Last winter she fell and broke a bone in her shoulder and the fall caused her right arm to be paralyzed. She could not use it at all, could not raise it from her side. She prayed and the Lord healed her broken bone. The doctor did not even set the bone. It knit perfectly. I told her of some great healings that I knew the Lord had done, so she came to my home and we called in some Church of God sisters and prayed, and the Lord touched her arm in a wonderful way. She could use it enough to cook. We prayed again with her and the great Healer of all diseases made her arm every whit whole.

Oh, I praise God that He still heals. Please pray for this sister that she will be sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. Pray for me that I will keep humble before the Lord and keep the faith. I am thankful and praising God for saving, sanctifying, and filling me with the Holy Ghost and fire and leading me to the Church of God, also for the *Evangel*. I just can't do without it. It is a great blessing in any home. Every time Mrs. Allen speaks of her healing she praises God with much thankfulness and many tears of joy. She is an old lady. Anyone desiring to write her, her address is Mrs. Dave Allen, Langley, S. C.—Mrs. Mattie Ranew.

Saved at Radio Station

CALLAHAN, Fla.—I praise God for this wonderful salvation. I wish everybody in the world had it. I was saved April 9, 1948, and received the precious Holy Ghost May 4, thank God. It has changed my life so much. My friends don't know what to think. I'm nineteen and wish I had accepted God years ago, because it has brought me so much joy and peace. I was unhappy before I got saved. I was playing in a band over Station WEUS, Eustis, Fla., when I got saved. Thank God, He saved me, not from one sin, but from all sins. I forsook all to follow Jesus, and now I am on the battlefield for my Lord.

I thank God for His healing power.

I just want to tell the whole world about this wonderful salvation.—L. C. Allen.

Wants Everything to Count for God

ROCK HILL, S. C.—I praise my Lord this evening. It is so wonderful to serve a prayer answering God, one who knows all our needs and can supply them if only we pray and believe. The Lord has been so good to me I want to praise Him forever. Words can't express just what He means to me. When I feel discouraged I look up and count my blessings. I know He will never forsake me if I keep my faith and trust in Him. I want to do more for the Lord than I have ever done before. I feel we have such a short time to work. I want to be at my best for Jesus at all times. Pray for me that I will be worthy of everything the Lord does for me, and that everything I do or say will count for God. Again I say I thank God for definitely answering prayer for me. Pray for me.—Mrs. A. H. McKeown.

Suffer the Little Children to Come unto Me

FITZGERALD, Ga.—I promised the Lord if He would heal me I would tell it. I had rheumatic fever. The doctor said I would have to stay in bed a month, but I was in bed only a little over two weeks. My aunt and I got down and prayed; now I am up walking around. I have been saved, sanctified, and have the Holy Ghost, and am a member of the Church of God. I am ten years old. I want you to pray for my mother and father that they will be saved.—Carolyn Clements.

He Has Never Failed Me

WALHALLA, S. C.—I truly thank God for what He means to me and my family. I feel so unworthy of His goodness and tender mercy, but I praise Him from the very depths of my heart for the way He heals our bodies when we get sick. I had a severe pain in my right side last Thursday, and it grew worse and worse until I could hardly turn or raise up. I promised the Lord if He would heal me I would testify of it through the Evangel, and the pain left, just as He has done for me many times of other things. The Lord has been my Physician for over fourteen years, and He has never failed me yet. I just can't thank Him enough for what He does for us and for the Holy Ghost that abides in my soul.—Mrs. Laura Ball.

INDIANA STATE CONVENTION AND CAMP MEETING

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We were greatly blessed by the timely messages and words of instruction given by our esteemed state overseer, Rev. C. C. Rains. The words he spoke should inspire every minister to be a better one, to do his utmost for the cause of Christ, wherever his field of labor may be. He showed great wisdom in the selection of committees and setting up a successful organization to carry on the work during the camp meeting.

All Christian workers are able to show a remarkable gain in every department of the work over the State. Our youth director has made great sacrifices to put the work over, which means more than tongue can tell, and

this good will be evident until Jesus comes.

We covet the prayers of everyone who reads this report, that we will be able to get our new tabernacle and cottages constructed before the next camp meeting and convention in 1949, when we will look again for the power of God to fall upon men, women, and children so their lives may be greatly enriched in Spirit and the graces of God.

"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord."—John Marlin, Convention Clerk.

The person who speaks too quickly is liable to weep over what he says.

REVIVALS

HUNTSVILLE, Ala.—We have had a wonderful two weeks' revival. Brother A. L. Burroughs preached the first week and Brother Robertson the last week. Our church was revived and set on fire for God. Brother Burroughs preached to the church and our souls were blessed. Nine were added to the church, for which we thank God.—Mrs. George Brown.

PLEASANT HILL, Miss.—The Church of God here closed one of the most successful revivals in the history of the church. Rev. J. E. Kennedy did the preaching. There were thirteen saved, seven sanctified, four filled with the Holy Ghost, and three baptized in water. The church was greatly revived.—James D. Hodges, Pastor.

DAILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL, WILLIAMSPORT, MD.



Above is the picture of the daily vacation Bible school held in Williamsport, Md. The school opened June 14, continuing from 9:30 through 11:30 each morning for two weeks, except Saturday and Sunday. Our goal for enrollment was 200, but the grand total of 230 was reached, with a daily average of 138. The day the picture was taken there were 162 present. This has been our tenth year working in daily vacation Bible schools and we can say this was the greatest ever under our ministry. The Lutheran, Methodist, and United Brethren churches were all in Bible schools at the same time, and we had more than all the other churches put together.—Wm. F. Morris, Pastor.

PENTECOSTAL PHENOMENA

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The gentleman was left to the personal appeal and heart-searching on salvation lines.

Pentecost did not finish; it still goes on. The experiences of thousands prove the blessedness of this truth. Souls are led to God through the gospel; the spiritual gifts are sometimes used to lead people to the gospel. —Redemption Tidings

FOREIGN MISSIONS

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Dear friends, when we think of Sodom and Gomorrah, cities that were rotten in the sight of God and man, bathed in immorality and vice until God could no longer endure, we think of the conditions of earth today. In Genesis 19:22, God told Lot, "Haste thee, escape thither; for I cannot do any thing till thou be thither."

Lot was the only preservative in Sodom. The proportion of salt he represented was not enough to cure those five cities; yet God said He could not destroy them until and except Lot get out. So it will be in the near future: God will not destroy this world until after the rapture of the church.

The editor of *Public Opinion*, one of our papers in Jamaica, asked me one day, "What are the Christians doing to help in the great struggle of life? and why will not the Christians step out and challenge the capitalists and help the poor people to get out of the slums, by which they would be able to live up to better standards?"

But just as the proportion of salt Lot represented could not preserve the five cities, but could only preserve one, so the Christians today, in all their efforts and with all the zeal, will not be able to convert this whole world but will be able to collect the remnant which forms the Church of God, and then when the last saint is gathered and sanctified, Christ will come and take us to the heavenly Zoar, and then this earth will be good for nothing but fire.

2 Peter 2:7 says Lot was vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked. Today immorality, drunkenness, and revelry have taken hold of the earth inasmuch that the hearts of men are failing, not knowing what next to expect. Selfishness is rampant even among so-called Christians. Those in authority manipulate the price of food and raiment and profiteer therein;

the politicians and clergy deceive and mislead the people and lend their support to selfish interest; the poor people have become victims to circumstances, sorrowing almost to death. Surely the earth has lost its savour.

But may I ask, is there any way out of all this plight? Surely the Lamb of God is the only cure; but He said: "They will not come to me that they may have life."

The warning note: "If the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing." Lord, is it I? Is it I?

Heavenly Father, grant that I may be true salt to season someone and to hear you say of me, "Ye are the SALT OF THE EARTH."

TESTIMONIES

Healed of Asthma

ADEL, Ga.—After two doctors gave my wife up, God, in love and mercy, healed her of asthma after she had suffered thirty-three years, seven months, and seven days without relief only under influence of medicine. All thanks be to God.—H. D. Wheelis.

The Evangel Is a Great Paper

MONROE, N. C.—I am saved, sanctified, and have the blessed Holy Ghost. Sometime ago my little sister was very sick. I asked God to heal her, and He did just that. Praise His name! I am glad He will not turn us down. I need your prayers that I may stand true. The Evangel is a great paper. I thank God for it. Pray for me and our home that God's will may be done.—Mary Lou Melton.

Husband Healed

CLOMONA, Ky.—I thank God for His wonderful healing power in my home. He has healed so much in my home. I promised Him sometime ago if He would heal my husband I would testify of it.—Mrs. Vivian Gibson.

Instantly Healed

FORT MILL, S. C.—I thank God for His goodness and mercies. I praise Him because He lets it rain on the just and the unjust. I appreciate the Lord from the very depths of my heart. He has healed me when I saw no other way, also my children, and my brother-in-law who was very sick. The doctors could not locate his trouble. I saw him suffer so much, and he was in sin with no one to help him. I felt led to write Brother W. M. Marrow for prayer for him. I did, and the day the letter was received by Brother Marrow, God instantly healed this man. Now he is a regular attendant of the Church of God. We give God the praise for it all.—Mrs. Jack McKinney.

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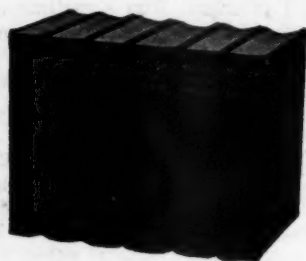
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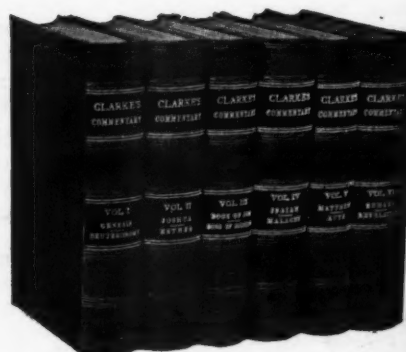
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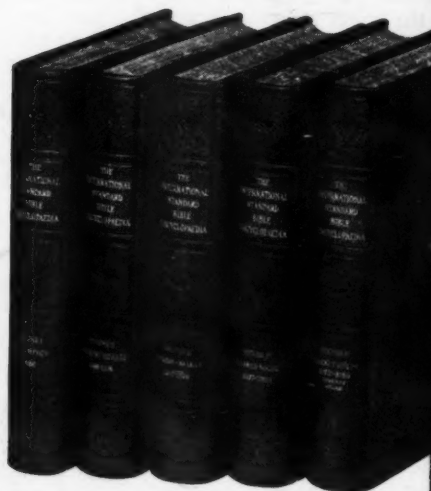
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